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Response to Office Action



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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): K. TSUTSUMI et al

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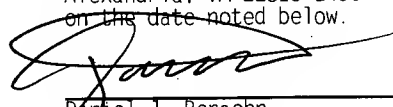
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004 the term for response to which expires on November 11, 2004 (Veterans Day), which is automatically extended to November 12, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-11, 14-16 and 20 are canceled; claims 12, 13, 17, 19 and 21 are amended; and claim 18 is maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.